

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 11TH, 2013, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 11th day of July 2013, A.D. a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. was born on November 9, 1924 to Robert S. Vidler Sr. and Bertha Gordys White Vidler, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. answered the call to serve his country during WWII and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, beginning his boot camp training at Sampson Training Camp on Seneca Lake, followed by officer's training school and was educated at Cornell University in the Hotel School, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. obtained the rank of Lieutenant and served as Supply Officer on the submarine chaser U.S.S. PC 1232 and U.S. Escort Aircraft Carrier USS Shipley Bay CVE 8, and remained in the reserves for several years after the war and organized many wonderful reunions of his shipmates over the years, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn May Freeman on September 6, 1945, and they had three daughters, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr., after the death of his first wife, married Alice Jean Clark Greene in 1977 and became a stepfather to her three children, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. was the proud grandfather to ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. was active in his beloved East Aurora community with memberships in the Kiwanis Club, The American Legion, and was a founding member of East Aurora's Chamber of Commerce and active member of EA's business community, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. served as a trustee on the East Aurora Village board between 1951 and 1956 and again from 1962 to 1964, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. and his younger brother, Edward, worked alongside their father in his store originally named The Fair Store that opened in 1930 on Main Street in East Aurora and was later renamed to "Vidler's 5&10" in 1945, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. and Edward eventually took over management and developed Vidler's 5 & 10 into the local landmark and destination shopping icon it is today, maintaining the character and charm it always had – but now at ten times the size of the original, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. and Edward starred in a series of locally infamous "Bob and Ed" commercials in the 1980s furthering the popularity of the famous store, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. died peacefully at the age of 88 on April 26, 2013 at his home in Ithaca, NY and was interred with full military honors at Sampson Veteran's Cemetery, and;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Vidler Jr. was known to all that had the pleasure of meeting him as a kind, giving and caring gentleman and whose memory will always be found under the awning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the outstanding life and accomplishments of Robert S. Vidler Jr.

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator – 10th District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County